THE FEZ

What is it?
It is the insignia of a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

When is it worn?
On all Shrine occasions.

Where is it worn?
A Shriner will never wear it in any company or place in which he would decline to introduce his mother, wife, sister or daughter.

Medinah Temple

WALTER H. VARTAN
Potentate

ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 24, 1964—7:30 P.M.

Wm. M. Weisenborn
Chief Rabban

Yngvar Brynildssen
Assistant Rabban

Albin R. Anderson
High Priest and Prophet

George W. Sullivan
Oriental Guide

Oscar H. Damman
Recorder

Harry O. Kjellberg
Treasurer

William L. Backus
Captain of the Guard

JANUARY 24, 1964 — 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE XXIV
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sec. 205. Each Temple shall elect its elective officers and Representative, or Representatives, by written ballot and a majority vote in each case. Said election shall take place at the regular session held in January of each year. The balloting for the elective officers of the Temple must commence not later than nine o'clock P.M. of the day on which the election is held, and when the hour of nine o'clock arrives all other business shall immediately cease and no other business shall be entertained or transacted until the election of all said officers is concluded.

Sec. 206. The printing, circulating, or distribution of resolutions, letters, tickets or other devices, by a Noble or Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple, is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section the Imperial Potentate shall suspend the offending Noble, or Nobles, until the next regular session of the Imperial Council, and he may, in his judgment declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of Medinah Temple will be held on the above date.

OSCAR DAMMAN
Recorder

W. H. VARTAN
Illustrious Potentate

Refreshments following the meeting

"ES SELAMU ALEIKUM"

We are assembled tonight for our Annual Meeting and to perform the constitutional prerogative of electing officers for the ensuing year and to listen to the reports of The Board of Directors who have held official trusts for you. In short, to examine and close up the business for the fiscal year and to begin anew the work set before us. If a stewardship has been honestly performed, the faith well kept, no broken vows, no record incomplete, then it becomes a pleasant duty to place before the beneficiaries a full account and to surrender up the trust for final disposition.

I congratulate you one and all upon the singular success of our Temple during the past year; and in doing so, I pay but a well deserved compliment to your splendid efforts, your willing hearts and hands. I congratulate myself at having been the presiding officer of a body so kind, courteous and honorable.

I am sure that while many mistakes may have occurred during the past year, and that seeming strife sometimes laid bare our record to criticism, that you will know that all the strife was but work and labor which we hoped would end in the crystallization of the best thoughts and the best conditions for the Temple. No other motive than this could inspire any true Man, Mason or Shriner. I hasten to thank you for all your forbearance and generous treatment. The entire official corps is especially commended, and I am not unmindful of the efficient work and splendid attainments of our Units. No little moment has ever passed when we have not worked together in the utmost harmony, and the advice and encouragement, one to the other, is, and ever will be, the beacon light that shall inspire pleasant thoughts of 1963 in all the years that are to come. The tasks and duties of each officer, however arduous, has ever been performed cheerfully, and with the splendid thought.

For the benefit of those who may not know as to the organization and growth of our Temple; Medinah Temple was chartered October 30, 1882, as the 14th Temple, with a membership of 22. Tonight we rejoice in telling you that we have 21,772. During the past year we have created and passed over the hot sands of our Oasis, 999 true faith novitiates.

Our Temple, in point of numbers, is third largest among the 167 Temples—a few more years should place us in first place. However, it is second to none in any other area except numerically. In point of strength and generosity, we have, I believe, no equal. And finally to both Officers and Nobles, I give my best assurances of my high appreciation of your generous tolerance, your lasting patience, your kind and considerate advice, the recollections of the past year and its associations will remain with me as the brightest and most pleasing ones in the history of all my life; and its number, 1963, has been, and ever will be, imprinted upon the tablet of my memory, as I wish it may yours, never to be forgotten, because of its virtues and its pleasures.

May the coming year, and all the others yet to come, produce for you and us a sum of happiness which knows of no reduction.

"ALEIKUM ES SELAMU"

Yours in the Faith,

Walter H. Vartan

Potentate Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.